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RE: EDWARD J. HARRISON,

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. & REGISTRY
No. S. & D. 9108
Date

The above man is an American citizen, at the moment residing in a suite in the Cathay Hotel with a German Baroness, presumably his wife.

The attached copy is information regarding the above man. This was published sometime ago in the Manila newspapers, and Harrison was run out of the place. Apparently he tried to get into Singapore on his way up to Shanghai, but the authorities there refused him permission to land.

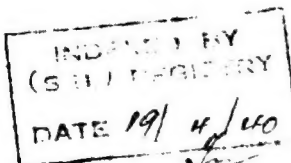
It is believed on good authority that the U.S. Authorities here have been enquiring into the above man's affairs; also that someone from the S.M. Police has been making enquiries about him.

The person giving the attached information wishes to remain strictly anonymous - as she is a working woman, with a job in Shanghai. She was given the information that the United States "Secret Service" are after him for something, she thinks the attached may be of some assistance to them.

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"This is taken from United States papers, and "Time" Magazine, of April 19th, 1937."

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Subpoenaed last week by the Bureau of Securities of New York, State Attorney General's Office was EDWARD J. HARRISON, a U.S. Financier, whose calling cards gave his address as "St. James' Court, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1."

Mr. Harrison was already under Federal indictment for flagrantly misrepresenting the assets of a certain "Big Wedge Gold Mining Co." of California.

This time his promotion of the "London Curb Exchange Ltd.," had aroused suspicion. Mr. Harrison free under bond, had been around New York for some time trying to sell stock in this enterprise.

The royal neighborhood of his address was not inappropriate, because the chief backer of the "London Curb" was none other than MARTIN COLES HARMAN, famed one time "KING OF THE ISLAND OF LUNDY".

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Mr. Harrison's recent campaign was apparently directed wholly at U.S. Brokers, handpicked for their innocence.

According to the instrument giving him his commission, he was to have deposited to his account £200 for each £500 membership sold at $40\frac{3}{4}/0/0$ fee. He at first announced that only 50 membership would be allotted to New York, but last week it came out that he had authority to sell as many as he could.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch
REPORT

Date March 8, 1940.

File No.
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.
Date March 8, 1940.

Subject (in full) HARRISON., E. J., and wife Countess von HEGAN.

Made by D.S.I. Hide

Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

Attached herewith is a copy of Special Branch report dated April 4th, 1939, regarding E.J. Harrison, which was compiled in response to an enquiry from the Straits Settlement Police, Singapore.

Copies of relevant correspondence are also attached.

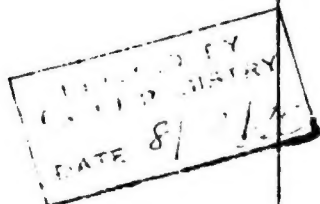
There is no further information on Police records.

So far as can be ascertained Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Harrison have not recently visited Shanghai.

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D.C. (Special Branch)



March 4th, 1940.

Is there any record available to
the Municipal Police of an American named
E.J. HARRISON and his wife, formerly
believed to have been the Countess von
HACAN?

"Y"

P.A.
P.W. 5/3.

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The Superintendent of Police,
Detective Branch,
Straits Settlements Police,
SINGAPORE.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No.D.B.19/1581/Encl.(4) dated March 13, 1939, and to inform you that nothing is known in Shanghai concerning T.M. GORDON. E.J. HARRISON was employed for a considerable period with the China Finance Corporation, No.9 Avenue Edward VII, but left this city some ten or twelve years ago. Since leaving Shanghai Harrison is reported to have visited the U.S.A. and the British Isles, from whence he returned to San Francisco. From San Francisco he went to the Philippine Islands and there engaged in considerable activity of the share pushing variety. About two years ago he is reported to have left Manila under a financial cloud and eventually to have taken up residence in Singapore. For the past two or three years he has been accompanied by a woman known as the Baroness Von HAGAN who is believed to be his wife.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd. K. M. Bourne.

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Commissioner of Police.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 100-10780

S.1, Special Branch, ~~Section~~

REPORT

Date April 3, 1939.

Subject. T.M. GORDON, E.J. HARRISON, Von HAGAN - Communication from

Straits Settlement Police dated 13-3-39

Made by. D. S. Henchman

Forwarded by. C. Crawford. J. J.

Of the persons mentioned in the attached communication only E.J. HARRISON is known in Shanghai. He was employed for a considerable period with the China Finance Corporation, No.9 Avenue Edward VII, but left this city some ten or twelve years ago. Since leaving Shanghai HARRISON is reported to have visited the U.S.A. and the British Isles, from whence he returned to San Francisco. From San Francisco he went to the Philippine Islands and there engaged in considerable activity of the share-pushing variety. About two years ago he is reported to have left Manila under a financial cloud and eventually to have taken up residence in Singapore. For the past two or three years he has been accompanied by a woman known as the Baroness Von HAGAN who is believed to be his wife.

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D. S. Henchman

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D.C. (Special Branch).

SINGAPORE MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.
Date _____

March 24, 39.

The Superintendent of Police,
Detective Branch,
Straits Settlements Police,
SINGAPORE.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of
your letter No.D.B.19/1581/Encl.(4) dated March
13, 1939, and in reply have to inform you that
the matter is receiving attention, the results
of which will be communicated to you in due course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd. K. M. Bourne.

K. M. Bourne
Commissioner of Police.

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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS POLICE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. L. REGISTRY
No. S. L. D.
Date

It is requested that the following reference be quoted in the reply to this letter.

No. / Encl.

OFFICE OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
DETECTIVE BRANCH,

Singapore, 13th March 1939

Sir,

I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly cause enquiries to be made and supply me with a report on a man named E. F. GORDON of Shanghai, who, on the 10th February, 1939, in Shanghai posted to the Chief of Police, Singapore a copy of the attached letter and information regarding one Mr. Edward J. HAG-JSON and a woman named Baroness VON HAGAI now residents of Singapore.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

The Commissioner of Police,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

S H A N G H A I.

(D.B.19/1581/Encl.(1)

Copy

Feb. 10th, 1939.

The Chief of Police,
Central Police Headquarters,
Singapore, S.S.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your attention
the enclosed information concerning an American citizen
Mr. Edward J. Harrison, also a woman with him by the name
of Baroness Von Hagan, now a resident of Singapore.

If you need any further information regards
these people and their past business deals, Manila P.I. will
furnish you with more details.

I am Sir,

Yours faithfully,

signed T.M. Gordon

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